

PODAR HIKERS' CLUB- ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15

Activities conducted during the year 2014-15:

Podar Hikers' Club organizes TREKS for PODARITES throughout the Academic Year. It also conducts other activities like RAPPELLING, ROCK CLIMBING etc., which are generally carried out during ENIGMA & RAPPORT.

Apart from developing the spirit of adventure, the CLUB offers a good opportunity to the students to experience nature through trekking.

The Hikes are easily affordable and safe for students. These hikes play an important role in developing their personalities too. We get to know our fellow Podarites especially Ex-Podarites. People come together and this helps build team spirit.

A hike with the CLUB is worth experiencing especially if you are Podarite!

The CLUB has organized six hikes so far during the year. They are as follows:

Takmak Fort (2000ft) - 22nd June, 2014 (one day):

The first monsoon hike of the season was to Takmak Fort near Vasai. Not a drop of rain, but the clouds were perfectly covering us. The breeze was so lovely, that at some tricky places we had to be extra careful for balancing. A surprise mulaakaat with Shridatta Raut, a journey through the history of the fort and a modest shramadaan added to the flavour. The cheerful response from the students made us book 2 buses for the 1st hike.

Matheran- Monkey Point to Sunset Point- 6th July, 2014 (one day):

We had an excellent hike to Matheran with an exciting and adventurous route; from Panvel side to Dodhane – Matheran; ascend from Monkey point and descend to Sunset Point. Being a little difficult route we kept the group smaller i.e. of 15 people. Excellent performance of all 15 people accompanied with a perfect weather made our 2nd monsoon hike memorable.

Tandulwadi (1900ft)-27th July, 2014 (one day):

Our 3rd successful monsoon hike was to Tandulwadi near Saphale, with exciting crowd of around 110 students and some of our ex podarite. The hike was indeed a memorable one with bucket full of experiences and enhancing the leading skills required for the hiker. The students here got a chance to experience beauty of nature and a pleasant climate.

Valmiki Ashram (4511ft) – 4th September, 2014 (one day):

Valmiki Ashram also popularly known as Seetecha Palna, Aajoba gad, Aaja Parvat. We had an enjoyable but steep route to reach the peak but it was worth for the marvelous view from the peak. Cold breezes and excellent environment made a memorable day for all 25 students.

Vasai Fort (coastal land fort) - 23rd November, 2014 (one day):

It's a sea-side fort & been mainly under Portuguese rule. In spite of an exciting and knowledgeable trek; Vasai fort being a coastal land fort, there was nothing much of climbing and adventure. So on students demand, after visiting Vasai Fort we took them to Tungreshwar fort (2140ft) to satisfy their urge of climbing and all 48 students got to experience 2 forts in a day.

Gorakhgad (2137ft) – 13th & 14th December, 2014 (night hike):

Night Hike is one of the richest experiences one can get from the treks. 17 students from our college grabbed this opportunity. Gorakhgad is placed near murbad. These students actually found their way to the peak in the moon light and gazing stars.

Apart from these hikes, the CLUB has also successfully conducted Rappelling sessions, wall climbing competition, rock-climbing competitions, photo exhibitions earlier.

WALL CLIMBING COMPETITION – 26th October, 2014:

PODAR HIKERS' CLUB jointly with Girivihar organized a competition on our very own climbing wall. This event was successfully completed with winners getting prizes and everyone others getting applauded of appreciation.



Podar Hikers' club is one of the most active forums in the college. The club arranges a number of hikes to various places. It is not just for the purpose of fun but also tries to inculcate among the college students, on a lasting basis, the basic values of respect for nature and ecology.

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